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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION. - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely. - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). Status										
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>08 I</u>	November 20	<u>001</u> .	•							
2a)☐ This action is FINAL . 2b)⊠ Th	nis action is n	on-final.								
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.										
Disposition of Claims										
4) Claim(s) 1-49 is/are pending in the application.										
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.										
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.										
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.										
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.	1 - 4	•								
8) Claim(s) <u>1-49</u> are subject to restriction and/or application Papers	election requ	iirement.								
9) The specification is objected to by the Examine	2r									
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.										
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).										
11) The proposed drawing correction filed on is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.										
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.										
12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.										
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120										
13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).										
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:										
1.☐ Certified copies of the priority document	ts have been	received.								
2. Certified copies of the priority document	ts have been	received in Ap	plication No							
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 										
14)⊠ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).										
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received. 15)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.										
Attachment(s)										
1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s)	,		ummary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) formal Patent Application (PTO-							

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-22, drawn to a water dispensing unit having a display.

Group II, claim(s) 23-36, drawn to a method of advertising.

Group III, claim(s) 37-49, drawn to a water distillation and dispensing unit.

The inventions listed as Groups I, II, and III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The method of advertising of Group II includes the special technical feature of placing the dispensing unit at a targeted location for the advertising message not found in Groups I and III. The water distillation and dispensing unit of Group III includes the special technical feature of a boiling unit not found in Groups II and II.

2. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

- 1. The species wherein the display includes an illumination source;
- 2. The species wherein the display includes a video monitor;
- 3. The species wherein the display is a television screen;
- 4. The species wherein the display is a computer monitor.

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Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

- 3. The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:
 - 1. The species wherein the display includes an illumination source: claims 4, 28 and 29;
 - 2. The species wherein the display includes a video monitor: claims 7 and 30;
 - 3. The species wherein the display is a television screen: claims 8;
 - 4. The species wherein the display is a computer monitor: claims 9, 10, and 31.

The following claim(s) are generic: 1 and 23.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the respective illumination source, video monitor, television screen, and computer monitor of 1, 2, 3, and 4 above.

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4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Bomberg whose telephone number is (703) 308-2179. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9302 for regular communications and 703-872-9303 for After Final communications.

KENNETH BOMBERG PRIMARY EXAMINER ART UNIT 3754

K.B. September 3, 2003